

We Fired the First Shot.

The most regretable reflection connected with the Manila rupture and fusilade of Saturday night and Sunday ng, the loss of American lives excepted, is the fact that we fired the first shot. The United States senate is primarily sfble, and not the soldler who pulled the trigger of his President McKinley chose as a peace commission, under the protocol, wise and pasriotic statesmen who did the duty of the senale to ratify that peace treaty, immediately. There was no other wise cruse open. The procrastination through the everlasting talk that has been indulged in has proved worse than an immediate rejection of the treaty Aguinaldo, the Benedict Arnold of the Philippines, who sold his country for money and did not return to it until a gloriwhile encouraged by the hesitancy upon the part of the sensie, until finally came the open rupture of Saturday night.

A New Law Demanded.

No assessment and taxation measure ever yet devised worked uniformly or equitably, but the assessment and taxation law of Kansas is clearly a degeneracy, being unsatisfactory to all classes of taxpayers. Every additional biennial amendment but contributes to its inefficiency and adds to the number of rotten spots and loopholes. There are thousands of assessors where there should be but hundreds. The present law should be entitled 'a measure to facilitate the dodg. The Leavenworth Times, whose editor has been ng time protesting against the inefficiency of the at urgent of all matters. They have bills on every However, if no adequate bill can be devised to pass at this session. Governor Stanley's advice should certainly be ac- the "heaving of dornicks" must soon cease. For some time cepted and a commission to investigate and study the sub- past it has been held that paper in house construction and ject be appointed."

The Sampson-Schley Contention.

The naval reprisal law and other circumstances have ombined to bring the Sampson-Schley controversy within judicial lines, where it will be settled as to whom belongs staircases, it has been found exceedingly useful, for it is the honor of sinking Cervera's fleet. The case hinges on the fleet holds that the New York was not a participant, and that they are emitted to \$200 head money for each sailor in not Sampson was present at Santiago.

Montana Money That Counted.

But he is worth thirty millions of dollars, which he made in Montana, where he at one time lived. But his real home is His election smacks of the rotten borough system wherefores, will not be overlooked. Montana has but given New York an additional senator if it has done anything

South Dakota Divorce.

The legislature of South Dakota has amended the divorce law of that state so as to require a residence of a year to went to Dakota for release from silken bonds which had become galling chains. Bishop Hare in animadverting on the divorce law of his state declares that the average nonresident applicants for divorce in Dakota are courting their new loves while their suits for separation are still pending; that, in short, it is illicit passion and not legitimate grievances which prompt most of the Dakota divorces which have been held to be illegal by most of the states,

Kansas Doomed to Crankism.

Bishop Potter lately delivered an address which was not without the seeming of a defence of the poor man's saloon as against the rich man's club. A Mrs. J. M. Carter, of Conploying Bishop Potter and others like him, she claiming to

Of course she has, and this is where she and many others like her "get their money." The Times-Star, in replying to this female crank of Hoosierdom, who has probably been employed by the States Temperance Union of Topeka to in-

flict Kansas, replies to her as follows: "We believe that Hishop Poster is as good as he is great, We believe that he is as righteens as he is religious. We believe that he is as excellent as he is eminent. We believe that his good works have cievaid him so high as to place him beyond the range of the venomous shafts fired by ignor- tify at once.

ant, egotistical, unthinking fanatics. We believe that any denial of Bishop Potter being in the employ of a liquor combine is unnecessary. The very absurdity of such a charge is its denial. We believe that Bishop Potter's good works will have enduring fame and he will live in memory throughout the world, and the mention of his name in the remotest part will not be a strange sound. We believe that Mrs. J. M. Carter will never be heard of outside of Connersville, Ind., except through the publication of her question and its answer in the Curiosity Shop. We choose to be Bishop Potter. We choose to receive his reward on earth and in heaven, contradiction, it can be stated that, excepting Mrs. Carter, sobody cares, we are proud to be on the side of Bishop Pot-We are proud to be in his company, proud to have him in ours. As to hearing from Mrs. Carter again we can only philosophically console ourselves with the maxim: "What

A Corps of American Women Nurses.

A delegation of women representing army nurses were before a congressional committee urging the organization of understood, the approval of the surgeon general, who says that the women nurses in the late war with Spain were invaluable. There is little question that the modern trained is bringing our many facts connected with the real founder of trained nurses for the army, Florence Nightingale, who city of Florence, where she was born, the daughter of a lect, clear judgment, and, as her Crimean record proved, of herdic spirit and indomitable will. Dean Stanley has called came the opportunity of her life in the call to the east. On October 21, 1854, she sailed with a band of thirty-eight Scutari. The miracle wrought by this band of nurses-this entrance of woman into the hell of British hospitals in the east-is capable of being expressed in cold statistics. They solons at Topeka we should have thought that they | found the death rate in the great hospital at Scutari 42 per

Must Cease Throwing Stones.

If the old admonition that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones is as sound as ft is apparently wise, in the manufacture of many utensils would replace the use terial for building is being demonstrated. Its production lighter and less expensive than bricks; but the idea of a ically superior to those of the enemy the sallors varied decoration, while their resisting power is, extraorit has been shown by experiment that they do not share the brittleness of ordinary glass. At the Paris Exposition a feature will be the Luminous Palace, built entirely of glass and filled with electric lights. It will be painfully brilliant.

A New and Ouicker Line to Europe.

The papers of New York City do not take kindly to the late suggestion of an enterprise which is to shorten the time to Europe by two days, but which does not include that city as one of the initial points. The Canadian government is Cervera's squadron. The matter has thus been thrown into considering and, it is said, rapidly maturing, a plan for fast the court of claims, and it rests with that body now to detertransatiantic service via Newfoundland, enabling Americans her securely to the post. Nina clasped who is wanted in Kansas, and while lookto large bull way to Ireland by Pullman car. This is a suggestive piece of news. Most persons, indeed, will be startled at the thought that it is really possible to travel by land, with two insignificant breaks, to a point 1,500 miles on The papers are printing double-column plctures of W. A. Newfoundland, the terminal point for a line of fast steam-Clark, just elected by the Moriana legislature to a seat in ships which would have only 1,500 miles to run before reachmo longer there. It is in New York City. It is a palace, constructed to connect Green Bay with the Reid railway filled with paintings and works of art. Hence Montana's dis. system, and two car ferries must be established-one from Had Clark been a poor man he would never have Point au Basvue to Cape Breton, and the other across the

> The ratification of the treaty was the only thing rational which the senate could have done. It never intended to do anything class. Shake an American out of a dice-box in a

Rudyard Kipling wants us to take up the white man's burden. It may be the white man's burden to go nosing around instructing savages how to live, but there are lots of bedbugs and body odors in the job.

France, it is said, is contemplating an invasion of England. Louis IV, tried it; also Philip of Spain, and Napoleon. Caesar succeeded in doing it, but no one else ever will,

The Kansas regiment was in the fight at Manila. It was sonably certain that this nation could not pull off a war without Kansas gelting into it in some shape,

The United States will proceed to held on to the Philipstock, if the United States cares to hold on.

Dewey pounded the flank of the insurgents. It was only Dewey from beiping in the defeat of Cervera.

Coin Harvey is raking in \$800 a day for the free silver campaign fund. Harvey has never been appreciated for all he is worth. He is a Jim Dandy.

or later a politician is found out, but it is usually discovered on the day of the primaries.

In the course of fifty years It will come out that Aguinaide had some European backing. He has it now. If not, he is a star-spangled blict.

Part of the insurgent force at Manila was armed with hows and arrows. This may have been patriotism, but it looks more like bijocy. We will give 'em another swat with the "white man's

burden" if they don't come along to the station. be American volunteers at Mapila didn't wait long to

nake up their minds that they were attacked. As the representative of a nation at war with us, Agonto should be imprisoned in a biscuit shop.

If we haven't changed Aguinalde's residence from Missouri, we will do it again with pleasure.

The Americano-Filipino war began Pebruary 4. It ended February 5, the shoriest war on record.

President McKinley's policy of landing troops in Manila had a loog head behind it as usual.

The senate has ratified. Mr. Aguinalde had better scat.

A Circus Tragedy,

Gugusse, the favorite of the Winter Cirque, which stood in the shawed of the Kremlin, was not a handsome fellow. He had neither the wir of the clownw, the tility of the ringmaster, yet he was mo popular with the Muscovites than al the three together. He owed his popularity a good deal to nature, who had sent him into the world equipped with an enormous head, large, fan-like ears and a hunchback balanced upon slender legs, which bowed beneath their weight He was the king of the dwarfs and the idol of the mob-for, to a mob, grace, wit and strength are nothing compared

with hideous deformity, with hideous deformity, He had passions Yet he was a man. He had passion like other men. He had a heart within his bony breast as capable of human af a as that possessed by any who applauded his tricks. At heart he had thrown at the feet of Mile. Nina, daughter of Adolphe, the equili-brist, the handsomest horsewoman in the

She danced into the ring in a suspended from pearly teeth, contrasted with the rich, red of her cheeks and colls of jet-black hair, which streamed luxurially down to her waist. She was proud completely dazzied by the sight of such

As time went on the star dropped from from his eyes. Every morning he used to see the dazzling beauty of the previous night, in a dirty morning wrapper, patchng her scanty wardrobe as she watched the pot boil in the open air. He began to talk with her, and then he began to dream, and in his dreams he saw Nina walking by his side radiant with happi-

made some grotesque movement which, were burned in the Indian Territory, not he hoped, would be interpreted as an exhibition of affection. The fair horsewo-of congratulation to Okiahoma. would have caressed a dog. He was less to his opinion on the veto, said: "The than a dog in the eyes of the circus peooccusionally caressed him as she uffed him whenever they met him, and he dwarf found it useless to protest. One evening he told Nina that he loved the dwarf found it useless to protest.

One evening he told Nina that he loved her. The girl stared at him for a moment as if she had not heard aright, and then burst into a fit of laughter. Gususe frowned, and drew himself up to the full height of his little figure, hepling perchance to impress her. Then he told her haw he had loved har few the old her how he had loved her from the

Every word the dwawrf uttered was like jest to the merry-hearted girl. She sat ther chair and shook with the exuberace of mirth. Gugusse stepped forward and took one of her white, plump hands in his horny palm. Nina jumped up with a gesture of disgust, drew her hand away, and struck the dwarf a blow in the

cheers as Gugusse entered. But the dwarf had no heart for his work that night, and he was hissed from the ring.

The next day the circus bills bore the reposing announcement:
"Unparalleled Novelty, Stupendous At-ractions. The Tragedy of Usande; or, the Martyyred Maiden. Mile. Nina and

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The usual exercises took place—tight rope,
trapeze, horizontal bar—but they passed
almost unnoficed. The people were wait-

At last Gugusse and Nina entered the old, for whom the stake had no terrors. She advanced to the center of the ring, and Gugusse, looking as hideous as the headsman of the restoration, bound yes skyward in an attitude of prayer,

They watched Gugusse approach the which they took to be an appeal for her held were not those wanted muring a passionate deciaration.

"Ning, I love you. Have pity on me im drink brandy. I have beaten him im. He is hungry; he is mad; he will ne shook her head with a gesture of | want beef-steak,

"Nina! Nina! I am a man-I have a whole soul. I cannot live without your love. He mine! Do not make me des-You despise me. I know it. You shall pay dearly for it now

wn and unmuzzled the furious brute which pawed the ground viciously at his cet. Nina turned pale. There was deseration in the dwarf's face-there was purdde in his eyes. Her cheeks blanched

With a rapid movement Gugusse un-muszled the bear, and the famished ani-mal dashed past him, sprang upon the mal dashed past him, sprang upon the night. They are probably the happing

The scope was so realistic, so strikingly rendered, that the andience applauded un-til the circus was filled with a deafening ar. They little knew that a tragedy was ing enacted, and thought it was part

What passed just then in the mind of the worthed creature who stood watching the horrible sight? Was be conscious of his inlamy? Was he select with pity that he

No one can tell, but just us the bear was cunting his cruel claws in the white dwawrf sprang forward and selzed the

turn with furious force on his master. As they round over logether in the saw-dust the hear caught the dwarf in a terrifurnated beast had planted his fangs in-

grim trugedy had taken place before their yes, Jumped on their seats and howled ut, amid a storm of applause: "Encore, Gugusse! Encore, Gugusse."

Four Seasons in a Day.

visited a well-knowwn Boston establishment one day this week to fit himself the castern napers are publishment of a long journey to the West, was views of the poems of Richard R. complaining hitterly of the cold. "Don't ou have cold weather in France" sek-d the salesman who waited upon him.

Outlines of Oklahoma,

The merchants of Guihrie have met and unced the trading stamp scheme A company now has charge of the Shawnee News, R. J. Clardy having sold

The Hennessey Cupper says that Stevas did right to vote against the Deyle

The prisoners in the Pawnes jail have feelared in favor of "the open door

The Oklahoma City Times-Journal al-ways refers to Governor Barnes as "Barnes, etc."

The legislature has been entertained by Okiahoma City. Now, let it locate a capi-At Oklahorna City the other night a

man threw the city marshal down and took his gun away from him. A crowd of men recently "shot up"

Raiston. In corralling them a private citizen received a flesh wound. The saloon-keepers at Tecumsah lately ook the habit of opening their front doors

on Sunday, and there is a kick.

George Baird, a school teacher near Pawner, died the other day, leaving wife and a three-months old habe. The Alva Breeze says that if the preent legislature refuses to divide Woods county, a county seat fight will ensua Frank Greer threw a harpoon into the ed upon said legislature to quit milling. targed with Indian-burning to the Untted States court in the Indian territory Bill Walker has withdrawn his reser-ration from the world. Anyone stepping

The Alva Review claims that a velo of coal has been struck in Woods county. Woods is a little high in the air for

within the borders will be shot with hot

The scheme to make all appointments Governor Barnes hitherto made, void, if not confirmed by the council, is an Gu- ex post facto dreum.

It has been discovered that the Indians

Dr. McElrath of Garfield, when asked is all I care to say just now." Well! A stranger, his team and family be-

The little daughter of Dr. E. J. Newell, of Ponca City, was severely burned hast week. Her dress caught fire from a red hot stove and her dress was entirely

Mrs. Mary Swikard sued J. P. Aedmore discovered that Mrs. Swikard, in getting a divorce in 1885, did not get it without legal flaws, that she did not accordingly get a divorce at all and the whole breach of promise case went to ruin then

This is the section in the new Cherokee treaty which is infinical to statehood; Section St. "The Cherokee nation shall not be included in any state or organized territory without their consent, and then said territory shall include only the lands of the five civilized tribes and such other smaller tribes as are contiguous thereto.

ing for the promised tragedy. They wanted to see the white-robed maiden developed by the bear.

At last Gugusse and No. This country is developing faster today than any other country under the sun, ring, and the pent-up excitement of the crowd found vent in cheers. Nina was witchingly beautiful in her white toga, over which fell tresses of rich, dark hair.

and at the same time no other country offers better inducements to the homelesse. Our lands are fertile and over which fell tresses of rich, dark hair. of the east and north art grown here in

Enid Wave: Sheriff Porter and depu-ties were up in North Enid township this eyes skyward in an attitude of prayer.
Gugusse disappeared and re-entered the ring with a tame bear, which had been his playfellow since he left his Polish home. He held the animal by the ear, and as the brute staggered and growled menacingly the people applauded to the exception of the five Wichita jail break-ers, named Tackett, Robinson, Rhodes, who pocket, soon discovered that the five men

It is Republican senators, not Populist senators, who are blocking confirmations

Politicians make the mistake often of

offering the people sugar-tits when they How quiet Philosopher Ingalis remains. How long it has been since a man, pass-ing his tub, was bitten.

That is what is worrying the politicians.

The Kunsus regiment at Manila gave the Filiphos a mere handsel of what Kansas can do in any climate. Most state legislation is empty and ere than once every twenty years.

orione. A legislature is really not needed It is said that Hessin and Stanley quarreled recently and that was way Fox. Hessin's friend, was appointed adjutant

young men on earth, honor to them. Farmer Smith, who once, as a candidate The house judiciary has decided on argument to that effect has yet been put

His friends say that J. R. Burton is still entrient, pugnacious and wakeful-that he is the one man in Kansas today

D. R. Anthony, the elder, has sued for

A teacher at Garden City asked a boy to solve this example in addition: "If your father gave your monther \$7 today and it remorrew, what would your er have? The boy answered: would have a fit." Governor Stanley, according to Fred

Vandegriff, got angry the other day when a petition came in with Arthur Capper's name signed to it. Vandegrift, quoting Tom Anderson, saw Stanley exclaimed:
"By what right has a shawner county man to sign a petition for a man in the Beaumh district." The legislature about

The custom papers are publishing to yours of the poems of Richard Realf, the Kansus poer who killed himself and or you have cold weather in France?" asked the salesman who waited upon him.
"Willy recruintly, we have se cold weath,
er in France." was the reply, "but we do
not have se all four seasons in one day
in France."

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at them will give you an idea of the good value we are offering you. Every Curtain is full 3 1-2 yards long. The quality is Nottingham lace and the patterns in flowered and set designs are varied and pretty. Nothing will add more cheerfulness than pretty Lace Curtains. These Curtains have crossed the Atlantic to get to you, and they are yours 'till all are

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Glossed black cotton serge lining on the inside- An Hastern cloak man wanti to get rid of these Capes badly last week. Our buyer met him and the Capes are ours. We begin the distribution tomorrow. The price is ridiculous-



Embroidery Sale

Started off yesterday in a very lively manner, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather. Not all sold yet, to go in a day. Enough however. Too much of it here to make select choos-

ing for a week, and priced to you at less than you are used to seeing. A "Salo" at the Boston Store means something-means lower prices for the people. Shoppers out today will do well to look at these underpriced values-

> 15c Embroideries, 8c. 25c Embroideries, 12c. 30c Embroideries, 15c.